House Resolution No. 2099

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental organizations which are devoted to the welfare of laborers in diverse circumstances throughout this state; and

Whereas, on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations will hold its Annual Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in remembrance of those whose lives were forfeited while they were performing their duties and responsibilities as employees in industry, on farms, at construction sites, and in service to others; and

Whereas, the Annual Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony is sponsored by the Missouri's Workplace Safety Program of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and its component Division of Labor Standards, Mine and Cave Safety and Health; Division of Labor Standards, On-Site Safety and Health Consultation; and Division of Workers' Compensation, Worker's Safety Program; and

Whereas, the 2003 Annual Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony will commemorate the lives and careers of the 88 people who died in workplace-related accidents and the 148,576 people who suffered injury on the job; and

Whereas, although far from the ideal of no deaths or injuries, the 2002 statistics demonstrate an improvement over figures from the year 2001, which include 119 deaths and 165,704 injuries, and 2000, during which time 123 fatalities occurred and 174,896 injuries; and

Whereas, after the conclusion of the Rotunda ceremonies, the Missouri AFL-CIO labor union will host the Missouri AFL-CIO Alley Barbecue at Memorial Park in Jefferson City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations observance of its Annual Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to the families, co-workers, and friends of those Missouri workers whose lives were tragically ended by injuries sustained while at work; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Annual Workers' Memorial Day Ceremony.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2099, adopted April 23, 2003.